

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- Amendments -

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claim 1 is amended; and
- Claim 4 is canceled.

By this amendment, claims 1 - 3 are now pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

- Remarks -

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is amended to address the informality noted by the Examiner. Applicant thanks the Examiner for bringing this informality to the Applicant's attention.

35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1- 3 are rejected under §103(a) over the combination of Murray (US 6,474,776) and Bolash et al. (US 6,183,063). Claim 1 is amended to better distinguish over this combination of references.

Amended claim 1 further recites that the printer cartridge comprises an authentication device provided on the first electrical connector. The authentication device authenticates one or more properties of the printer cartridge with the inkjet printer. The authentication device is connected to an authenticated data bus of the inkjet printer via the first corresponding connector.

Applicant respectfully submits that neither Murray nor Bolash et al. teach or suggest the new combination of features.

Accordingly, claims 1 to 3 are believed to be novel and inventive over the combination of Murray and Bolash et al.

Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,

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